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July 29, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF CONTRACT
PROJECT ID NO. AED0000002
HACIENDA IRRIGATION AND PLANTING RENOVATION PROJECT
HACIENDA ZONE 34
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT 2
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
3 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
RECREATION THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare and execute the construction contract for Hacienda Irrigation and Planting Renovation Project, in the vicinity of Hacienda Heights (4), to Nativ Engineering, Incorporated, in the amount of \$169,497.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 1, 2003, your Board adopted the plans and specifications and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise for this project.

The recommended action will award a construction contract to Nativ Engineering, Incorporated, for the Hacienda Heights Irrigation and Planting Renovation Project, in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights Los Angeles County.

The landscaping improvements project consists of the planting of trees, shrubs and groundcover, and installation of an automatic irrigation system.

The proposed project will replace an antiquated, non-centralized overhead irrigation system with a new state-of-the-art, subsurface irrigation system within frontage medians along portions of Hacienda Boulevard and La Monde Drive, as well as median islands along portions of Del Prado Drive and Avalo Street. Additionally, existing turf and shrubs will be replaced with a low-maintenance drought-resistant shrub and groundcover plantings.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 of Service Excellence since it will provide improved landscaped medians and improve the efficiency of landscape maintenance operation, thereby conserving water.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Project Budget Impact

The recommended construction contract cost is \$203,397.00, including a base contract of \$169,497.00 and a change order contingency fund of \$33,900.00. The only construction bid received, from a responsible and responsive contractor, was \$1,784.46 higher than the estimate. The total estimated project costs, including designs, plans, specifications, County services, project management, utility acquisitions, and construction, is \$293,300.00.

Sufficient funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Hacienda Zone 34, LLAD 2 Adopted Budget to implement this project.

Operating Budget Impact

All services provided in Hacienda Zone 34, LLAD 2 are funded by the assessment established by the Board of Supervisors. General Fund expenditures are fully revenue offset, therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended contract award is to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives. The enclosure includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, the amount of the bid received, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of the bid and the original bid proposal for this project are also enclosed, including a copy of the addenda to the contract specifications.

We have developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this project was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, so that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contract will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractor.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On April 1, 2003, your Board certified that the project was categorically exempt from the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15301(h), of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the CEQA and Class 1, Subsections (j) and (s); and (x)(9), (x)(10), and (x)(13), of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contract was solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. The contract is being awarded to Nativ Engineering, Incorporated, who was the only bidder, and who was also responsible and responsive.

The project specifications contain provisions (1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, 3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and 4) requiring the contractor to comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

Public Works has confirmed that the contractor is in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory performance history, bidders were required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by the contractor was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contract.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This project is to be completed in 40 working days with a 60-day maintenance period to begin upon completion of the planting and irrigation installation. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2003. Local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access will be mildly disrupted during the construction.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation and to the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

TIM GALLAGHER
Director of Parks and Recreation

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

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PROJECT ID NO. AED0000002, HACIENDA IRRIGATION AND PLANTING
RENOVATION PROJECT (in the vicinity of Hacienda Heights),
Supervisory District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Planting of trees, shrubs and groundcover, and installation of an
automatic remote controlled irrigation system.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 27, 2003 (Synopsis 33)

BID OPENING DATE: May 13, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Nativ Engineering, Inc., a corporation 7003 Owensmouth Avenue Canoga Park, California 91303 (818) 340-5716	\$169,497.00
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of engineer's estimate	\$167,712.54
Amount of recommended contract	\$169,497.00
Amount of recommended contract above engineer's estimate	\$ 1,784.46

The amount of the recommended contract is 1 percent above the estimate.

Sufficient funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Hacienda Zone 34, LLAD 2 budget (Fund Org. 52950, Fund P59) to implement this project.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Nativ Engineering, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

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CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

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